

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for ~~a player~~ playing a casino game comprising:

receiving a wager from ~~the a~~ player in the casino game to play an underlying game of chance and a survey-based bonus game;

playing the underlying game of chance in the casino game in response to receiving the wager;

paying the player, in the casino game, a game of chance award when the player wins during play of the underlying game of chance, the game of chance award at least based on the received wager;

ending the casino game in response to paying the game of chance award;

upon occurrence of a random bonus event in the casino game, presenting to the player in a display of the survey-based bonus game a survey question and a plurality of responses to said survey question by a number of people surveyed;

receiving at least one input in the survey-based bonus game from the player responsive to said presented survey question, said at least one input including at least one of said plurality of responses;

paying the player, in the casino game, a bonus award, the value of the bonus award at least a function of how many people in said number of people provided the at least one response of said plurality of responses included in said at least one input received from the player, the bonus award awarded separately from the game of chance award; and

ending the casino game in response to paying the bonus award.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said playing said underlying game of chance comprises playing a slot game.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said presenting to the player in the display comprises:

presenting said question and said plurality of responses according to the operation an output of a randomly set timer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said paying said bonus award comprises:

paying the player a bonus award having a value in credits equal to ~~a number of respondents providing~~ how many people provided said at least one response included in said at least one input from said player.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A casino game comprising:

an underlying game of chance for play by a player of said casino game upon receiving a wager from said player;

a game of chance award in said underlying game of chance payable to said player when said player wins during said play of said underlying game of chance, the game of chance award at least based on the received wager;

a survey-based bonus game for play by said player upon being triggered in said underlying game of chance;

an initiation mechanism for triggering said play of said survey-based bonus game;

a database having a plurality of survey questions, a plurality of responses for each survey question, and a number of ~~respondents~~ people providing each of the plurality of responses for each said survey question, one of said plurality of survey questions with its plurality of responses presented to said player in a display upon said triggering of said survey-based bonus game from said initiation mechanism;

at least one input to the survey-based bonus game from the player responsive to said displayed survey question with its plurality of responses, said at least one input including at least one of ~~said the~~ displayed plurality of responses; and

a bonus award payable to said player in said survey-based bonus game, the value of said bonus award being a function of at least the number of ~~respondents~~ people

providing the at least one response corresponding to said at least one input from the player, said bonus award being paid separately from said game of chance award.

Claim 6 (original): The casino game of claim 5 wherein the underlying game of chance is a slot game.

Claim 7 (original): The casino game of claim 5 wherein said initiation mechanism is random.

Claim 8 (original): The casino game of claim 5 wherein said initiation mechanism is a randomly set timer.

Claim 9 (original): The casino game of claim 5 wherein said survey question and said plurality of responses pertain to sporting events.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for ~~a player~~ playing a casino game comprising:

- receiving a wager from the player in the casino game to play an underlying game of chance and a survey-based bonus game;

- playing the underlying game of chance in the casino game in response to receiving the wager;

- paying the player, in the casino game, a game of chance award when the player wins during play of the underlying game of chance, the game of chance award at least based on the received wager;

- upon occurrence of a triggering event in the casino game, presenting the player, in a display, with a survey question and a plurality of accompanying survey responses from a database in the casino game, said plurality of accompanying survey responses including at least one correct response and at least one bogus response;

- receiving at least one input to the survey-based bonus game from the player responsive to said presented survey question, said at least one input including at least one of said plurality of accompanying survey responses;

continuing said receiving until either:

- (a) all correct responses are received in the casino game from the player, or
- (b) a bogus response is received in the casino game from the player,

whichever of (a) or (b) occurs first; and

paying the player a bonus game award in the casino game, said bonus game award paid separately from said game of chance award.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 10 wherein said paying said bonus game award comprises:

paying the player a bonus game award having a value in credits equal to a number of respondents providing said at least one correct survey response to the survey question that is included in said at least one input.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 10 wherein said paying said bonus game award comprises:

paying the player a bonus game award fixed according to a rank of said at least one included correct survey response in said presented accompanying survey responses.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein said presenting comprises:

presenting said survey question and said accompanying survey responses upon the occurrence of a random bonus event.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein said presenting comprises:

presenting said survey question and said responses upon an expiration of a randomly set time period.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein said playing said underlying game of chance comprises:

playing a slot game.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein said presenting comprises:

presenting a survey and a plurality of accompanying responses relating to sporting events.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 10 further comprising storing said database in a computer memory.